

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ARMY BRIGADIER  
GENERAL ISABEL RIVERA SMITH

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of an extraordinary woman and hometown heroine, Brigadier General Isabel Rivera Smith of Lorain, Ohio.

BGen Smith, who was born and raised in Lorain, Ohio, was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and a graduate of Admiral King High School.

She first enlisted into the active Army in October of 1985 as a Motor Transport Operator, with her first duty station at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1988, she enlisted in the North Carolina Army National Guard and in 1989 she transferred to the New York Army National Guard. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps after graduating from Officer Candidate School.

BGen Smith's command assignments and operational deployment include Commander of HHD, 53rd Troop Command, Commander of the 369th Special Troops Battalion and Deputy Team Chief-Iraq Police National Headquarters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2010.

Her key staff assignments include Assistant Operational Officer at the 27th Rear Area Operations Center; personalist for the 369th Corps Support Battalion, Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1 for the 53rd Troop Command, Executive Officer of the 106th Regional Training Institute, Deputy Director of Logistics (J4) for the New York National Guard, Executive Officer for the Office of the Adjutant General, and the Chief of Staff for the 53rd Troop Command.

BGen Smith's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. She is also the recipient of the 2017 Latina Style Military Service Award.

BGen Smith holds a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Mount St. Mary's College, a master's degree in Education in Counseling and Development from Long Island University and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

She and her husband Peter have six daughters: Antoinette, Amelia, Karissa, Kassandra, Jessica, and Shannon, and one son: Jamarr. They are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

Our country could not be prouder of Brigadier General Isabel Rivera Smith, a daughter of Ohio, trailblazer, and a true American patriot. The words of Army General Omar Bradley aptly capture BGen Smith's professional accomplishments: "Leadership is intangible, and therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it."

CHEYENNE MYLA VERHAEGHE

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cheyenne Myla Verhaeghe for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Cheyenne Myla Verhaeghe is a 12th grader at Thornton High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cheyenne Myla Verhaeghe is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cheyenne Myla Verhaeghe for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL "MICKEY" DEPALO

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael "Mickey" DePalo for his innumerable contributions to veterans and the residents of the City of Burbank, California.

Mickey has been a Burbank resident for sixty-five years. He graduated from Burbank High School in 1964, and the following year, began his four-decades-long career with the City of Burbank Parks and Recreation Department. Shortly after graduating from college, Mr. DePalo briefly left the City of Burbank to honorably serve in the U.S. Army for two years during the Vietnam War.

As a child, Mickey played many sports, including flag football, baseball, softball and basketball. His love of sports continued into adulthood, and along with participating in Burbank sports leagues, he has generously volunteered his time and knowledge to the sports organizations for decades. He was a volunteer baseball, flag football and basketball coach for the City's Parks and Recreation Department, and a volunteer assistant coach for his son, Michael's youth basketball teams. Additionally, Mr. DePalo was Loyola High School Cross Country Team's volunteer coach and the race director for Burbank's Run for the Hungry for ten years.

A staunch advocate for veterans and their welfare, Mickey has been Chairperson of the

Burbank Veterans Commemorative Committee and the emcee for the Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies at McCambridge Park in Burbank for over thirty years. Under his leadership, the committee has organized numerous veterans events in Burbank, including one event that Mr. DePalo is most proud of—assisting the City in 1998 to be selected as a site to host The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. that tours the nation. He also worked on the Hands Across the Battlefield program, which partners with community businesses and individuals to collect and send supplies to our troops, and has raised funds for youth and veterans organizations in his role as Sr. Vice Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8310.

A few of the numerous community awards and commendations Mr. DePalo has received include the Burbank Association of Realtors' Citizen of the Year Award, an induction into the City of Burbank's Athletics Walk of Fame, the L.A. County Older Americans Volunteer Service Award, and the Veteran of the Year Award from both Assemblyman Paul Krekorian in 2009 and from Assemblymember Laura Friedman in 2017.

It is my honor to call Michael "Mickey" DePalo a friend and I want to thank him for over half a century of extraordinary support and dedication to our nation's veterans and the community of Burbank. I ask all Members to join me in paying tribute to this extraordinary American patriot.

## RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Amanda Thedens, Mariah Theel, Megan Theesfeld, Erin Theis, Rebecca Theisen, Brooke Theisen, Melynda Thelen, Kristi Theobald, Tamara Theobald, Lisa Theocharis, Amy Therkelsen, Cheryl Theusch, Katelyn Thibeault, Kari Thie, Brittney Thiel, Tareza Thiele, Karey Thieman, Susan Thies, Kierra Thies, Amy Thiesse, Shelly Thiewes, Kari Thill, Kristi Thill, Amy Thill, Jennifer Thimgan, Chelsie Thiry, Breanna Thiry, Helen Thiry-Chmela, Carol Thissell, Teresa Thode, Cynthia Thoene, Mickale Thoene, Cynthia Thomas, Jolene Thomas, Teri Thomas, Patricia Thomas, Lynn Thomas, Jane Thomas, Loretta Thomas, Darla Thomas, Gertrude Thomas, Kelly Thomas, Collin Thomas, Kimberly Thomas, Brooke Thomas, Haley Thomas, Dixie Thomas, Laura Thomas, JoElle Thomas, Kelsey Thomas, Laura Thomas, Lori Thomas,

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